

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 19, with the following:

That is, the bearing support member 19 is formed into a webbed shape that allows oil held within the crankcase 6 to flow between opposite sides of the bearing support member 19 through the through holes 45. See FIG. 1. The camshaft 31, which has opposite ends rotatably supported by the case main body 9 and the cover 10 of the crankcase 6, is also disposed so as to run through an empty space formed between the bearing support member 19 and the case main body 9.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 10, with the following:

Moreover, since the bearing support member 19 is formed into the shape that allows oil held within the crankcase 6 to flow between opposite sides of the bearing support member 19 through the through holes 45, the amount of oil held within the crankcase 6 is not be reduced due to the bearing support member 19 being placed within the crankcase 6, thereby storing a sufficient amount of oil within the crankcase 6 while avoiding any increase in the dimensions of the engine.